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For: OPTICAL FIBER, DISPERSION COMPENSATOR AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM		

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 120, Applicants hereby claim the priority of U. S. Patent Application No. 10/347,147, filed January 21, 2003, of which this application is a Continuation-In-Part, which claims the benefit of the priority under 35 U.S.C. 199 of :

Japanese Patent Application No. P2002-192409, filed July 1, 2002;

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-337010, filed November 20, 2002; and

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-148117, filed May 26, 2003.

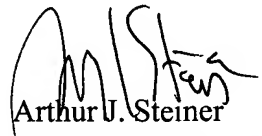
cited in the Declaration of the present application.

The certified copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-192409 and 2002-337010 were filed April 14, 2003 in support of the claim of priority. Acknowledgement is respectfully requested.

A Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-148117 will be filed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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